

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: OTOBA ET AL. Examiner: M. ANGEBRANNNDT  
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 Title: OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, PRODUCING  
 METHOD THEREOF AND METHOD OF RECORDING/ERASING/  
 REPRODUCING INFORMATION



## CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

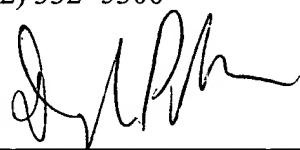
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one (1)-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 10, 2000, said period of response being extended from April 9, 2000 to May 9, 2000.

Our check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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